

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant(s): Friddle *et al.*

Group Art Unit: 1652

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Examiner: W. W. Moore

Title: Novel Human Proteases and
Polynucleotides Encoding the Same

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REQUEST TO CORRECT INVENTORSHIP UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.48

Commissioner for Patents
Arlington, VA 22202

Sir:

The Examiner is respectfully requested to accept and enter the following Request to Correct Inventorship under 37 C.F.R. § 1.48(b) in the pending case.

The PTO is authorized to charge the fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) for this Request to Correct Inventorship in a non-provisional application under 37 C.F.R. § 1.48(b) to Deposit Account No. 50-0892. Although Applicants believe that no additional fees are due in connection with this response, however, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any underpayment or credit any overpayment required with this response to Deposit Account No. 50-0892.

Applicants respectfully request amendment of inventorship under 37 C.F.R. § 1.48(b) in order to remove the inventors of an invention that is no longer being claimed in the present case, as a result of a telephonic Restriction and Election Requirement (described in paper no.7) that occurred on or about August 19, 2002 at which time an election was made to pursue the invention of Group 10. Applicants neglected to amend the inventorship to properly remove those inventors of the non-elected invention. To correct this omission Applicants submit the present request.

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The inventors of the non-elected invention *that are requested to be removed* are Boris Nepomnichy and Yi Hu. The remaining inventors of the claimed invention are Carl Johan Friddle, C. Alexander Turner, Jr., D. Wade Walke and Erin Hilbun.

Respectfully submitted,

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